

OCT 07 2005 1:23PM 513 241 6234

NO. 1814 P. 1

WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.

BRUCE FITTEL
DOUGLAS F. FREI
DAVID S. STALLARD
ROBERT CHAMBERS
GREGORY J. LUNN
KURT L. GROSSMAN
CLEMENT H. LUKEN, JR.
THOMAS J. BURGER
GREGORY F. AHRENS
WAYNE L. JACOBS
KURT A. SUMME
KEVIN G. ROONEY
KEITH R. HAUPT
THEODORE R. REMAKLUS
THOMAS W. HUMPHREY
SCOTT A. STINEBRUNER
DAVID H. BRINKMAN
BEVERLY A. LYMAN, Ph.D.
KRISTI L. DAVIDSON

2700 CAREW TOWER

441 VINE STREET

CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202-2917

TELEPHONE: 513-241-2324

FACSIMILE: 513-241-6234

WEBSITE: www.whspatent.com

PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT
AND UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW
AND RELATED LITIGATION

EDMUND P. WOOD 1923-1958
TRUMAN A. HERRON 1935-1976
EDWARD B. EVANS 1936-1971

JOSEPH R. JORDAN
C. RICHARD EBY
DAVID E. PRITCHARD

KATHRYN E. SMITH
P. ANDREW BLATT, Ph.D.
DAVID E. JEFFERIES
WILLIAM R. ALLEN, Ph.D.
JOHN PAUL DAVIS
DOUGLAS A. SCHOLER
BRETT A. SCHATZ
DAVID W. DORTON
SARAH OTTE GRABER
STEVEN W. BENINTENDI, Ph.D.
RANDALL S. JACKSON, JR.

OF COUNSEL
JOHN D. POFFENBERGER
DAVID J. JOSEPHIC
THOMAS W. RYNN
J. DWIGHT POFFENBERGER, JR.
BRADLEY D. BECK

October 7, 2005

FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

To: Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Fax: (571) 273-2885

From: David W. Dorton

Re: WHE Ref: MIDTF-230P2
U.S. Application No. 09/990,130
Filed: November 21, 2001
Title: STERILIZER INCLUDING AIR
PURGING SYSTEM AND
PRESSURE ACTUATED DOOR
SEAL
Applicant(s): Florkey et al.

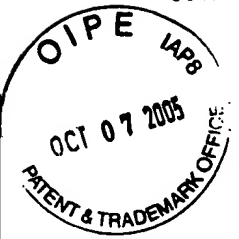
Pages: 4 (including cover sheet)

MESSAGE/COMMENTS

This fax includes:

**Issue Fee Transmittal,
Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance,
Certificate of Transmission, and
Authorization to Charge Deposit Account No. 23-3000**

The information in this facsimile message is ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED, WORK PRODUCT and/or CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION intended only for the use of the individual or entity to whom this message is addressed. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or reproduction of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original message to us at the above address via mail. Thank you. If transmission is interrupted or of poor quality, please notify us immediately by calling (513) 241-2324 and ask for the sender's assistant. OUR FAX NUMBER IS (513) 241-6234.

**Certificate of Facsimile under 37 CFR 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence for Application No. 09/990,130 is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Technology Center 1700, via Central Fax Number (571) 273-8300, on October 7, 2005.


David W. Dorton, Registration No. 51,625

Date October 7, 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Edward J. Florkey et al.
Serial No.: 09/990,130
Filed: November 21, 2001
Examiner: Krisanne Marie Jastrzab
Group Art Unit: 1744
Confirmation No.: 2318
Title: STERILIZER INCLUDING AIR PURGING SYSTEM AND
PRESSURE ACTIVATED DOOR SEAL
Atty Docket No.: MIDTF-230P2

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

October 7, 2005

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

This paper responds to the Notice of Allowance, mailed July 8, 2005. Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of claims 1-37. Applicants note that these reasons relate to features or combinations of features recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, 17, 25 and 31. Applicants further note that each of



OCT. 7. 2005 1:24PM * 513 241 6234

NO. 1814 P. 4

claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-16, 18-24, 26-30, and 32-37 include patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes any matter requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.

David W. Dorton
Reg. No. 51,625

2700 Carew Tower
441 Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 241-2324 (voice)
(513) 421-7269 (facsimile)